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Local students among those receiving degrees from DACC

Several local students were among 270 people receiving Associate's degrees from Danville Area Community College.

Commencement exercises were held May 21, where Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhauer delivered the address.

Students with a cumulative grade-point average of 5.000graduate summa cum laude; those with a cumulative grade-point average of 4.750 through 4.999 graduate magna cum laude; and those with a cumulative grade-point average of 4.500 through 4.749 graduate cum laude.

Area graduates were:

Alvin: Clarissa Danielle Adams

Probation set in fraud case

WATSEKA—A Hoopeston woman was sentenced to 30 months of probation and ordered to pay a \$500 fine and make restitution in an insurance theft case.

Mary Cremonesi was sentenced May 28 by Iroquois County Judge Gordon Lustfeldt.

Restitution in the case will probably be made in the form of a ring, said Bill Donahue, Iroquois County assistant state's attorney.

Cremonesi was found guilty of claiming a ring was stolen, collecting \$6,500 of insurance money on it, then trading the same ring in to a Kankakee jeweler.

As part of her probation, Cremonesi must also submit to random drug testing and a DNA test. Illinois law mandates that convicted felons' DNA samples go into a data base.

Cremonesi was also ordered to find employment or provide proof that she cannot work.

Hoopeston police discovered the fraud, which was then investigated by the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department.

Bismarck: Jerry Michael Courson; Timothy Duane Hillard; David Richard Sanders, Kristen Marie Welker, cum laude; Timothy Todd Welker, cum laude

East Lvnn: Karl D. Steiner.

Hoopeston: Thomas Michael Badgley, Jr.; Patrick E. Clingenpeel, Jr. (certificate); Dawn Denise Davis, cum laude; Alexis Amanda Dean; Andrew C. Fink, (certificate); Kimberly A. Fink, (certificate); Janna

See DACC on other side

State rep remembers Reagan

As Americans celebrate the life of former President Ronald Reagan this week, U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (IL-15) said the late president and Illinois native was a great influence on his life.

"This country has lost a great leader, a great visionary and an all-around great American," Johnson said in a statement. "The Presidency of Ronald Reagan is to be credited for many victories: he figuratively broke down the Iron Curtain; his policies led to the fall of the former Soviet Union; he restored our pride in America; he gave us new priorities; and he chanced the country's longstanding mentality to realize that too much government is a problem, not a solution. I am honored to have met President Reagan on several occasions and I am proud to say his brand of leadership has served as an inspiration to me."

Former President Reagan, 93, formerly of Dixon died Saturday after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's. His body was to lie in California until Wednesday when it will be flown to Washington to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda. A national funeral will be held there before his body is flown back to California for burial at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

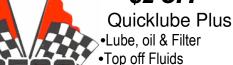
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Police News

Both drivers involved in an accident at 4:34 p.m. Sunday were ticketed by police.

Jackie C. Thrasher, 61, of Rossville was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and Matthew Barron, 24, of Hoopeston was ticketed for failing to wear a seat belt.

Police said Thrasher, in a 2004 Ford van, turned north from Sixth St. to Route 9 in front of Barron, in a 1992 Honda, who was westbound.

Barron was treated and released at Hoopeston

Community Memorial Hospital. An unidentified passenger in Thrasher's vehicle later sought treatment at United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville.

Barron's vehicle was towed from the scene.

Police recovered a vehicle reported stolen from Danville early Monday morning and arrested the man accused of stealing it.

Floyd E. Gaines, 42, of 1803 N. Walnut, Danville, was charged with stealing the car, which was found at 5:30 a.m. on Rt. 1 at 3800 N. Rd.

Early sky watchers to see rare Venus Transit Tuesday

Early morning sky watchers will have the opportunity for a rare event Tuesday when, for the first time in 122 years, Venus will pass in front of the sun.

The egress of the transit will be visible to those in the eastern half of the United States at sunrise. With sunrise at 5:16 a.m., the egress in Central Daylight Savings Time will be from 6:05-6:25 a.m.

Experts warn not to watch the transit without eye protection. Suggestions include:

- Never look directly at the sun with your naked eye or through a telescope or binoculars. Severe eye damage can result.
- With proper viewing filters, the transit will be visible without telescopes or binoculars. Viewers should use special, approved filters that can be purchased

DACC continued from other side

Mae Hodge; Jacob L. Kinnaird, (certificate); Viola G. Martinez; Terry G. McBride, magna cum laude; Adam S. Musk; Tony Joseph Sapochetti; Betsy M. Wagoner; Megan Kathryn Welch, magna cum laude.

Milford: Christina Mae Andel; Kellen Douglas Brazel, cum laude; Tracie Lynn Hartman, cum laude; Margo Petrova Lazarov; Brian James Rudin, cum laude; Elliot William Schunke; Mary Parrish Smith, cum laude.

Rankin: Amber Nicole Long, cum laude; Becky Lynn Robinson, magna cum laude; Susan J. Strawser: Karon Anne Warren.

Rossville: Christopher J. Denton, cum laude. **Wellington**: Stephanie Anne Kirland.

from reputable dealers of astronomy products.

• The sun's image and the shadow of Venus can also be projected through binoculars or a telescope onto a white screen, sheet of paper or wall.

The transit will also be broadcast on NASA TV. Updated photographs will also be shown on many astronomy web sites.

While it has been 122 years since the last transit, the next one is set for June 6, 2012.

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Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers will meet Saturday at the Girls Softball Park on Wyman to clean up trash in the area. The group will meet an hour earlier, from 8-9 a.m.

Free camp

Camp Clover is being offered free at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. The camp, for youngsters ages 8-15, will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 21-July 2 and will feature information about countries of the world, edible science food and other cool thing. It is sponsored by the University of Illinois Vermilion County Extension Unit. To register, call Megan Welch at (217) 283-5544.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 88, low 69. Tomorrow's high 85, low 66.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Gaines was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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